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JAPAN.

Report from Yokohama.

YOKOHAMA, JAPAN, October 26, 1901.

SIR: I have the honor to notify you that since the report from this office dated October 19 no case of plague, undoubted cholera, or epidemic occurrence of smallpox has been met with in Japan proper.

Respectfully,

K. ROKKAKU,

Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.,

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

MEXICO.

Report from Progreso—Yellow fever still in Valladolid and Merida.

PROGRESO, MEXICO, November 2, 1901.

SIR: During the week ended November 2 there were 8 deaths in this port from all causes, 4 being from malarial fevers and 3 from possible malarial infection, the eighth being stillborn, no case of contagious disease having been reported.

The mortality here for the past six months shows that about 50 per cent is due to malarial infection. Accepting the fact that the mosquito is the transmitter of the disease, it is readily seen that by proper sanitary work the mortality can be reduced to a minimum. Should the sanitary authorities direct their attention to the elimination of the mosquitoes the mortality from malarial fevers would not only be reduced, but the possibility of a yellow fever epidemic would be eradicated.

At present there are no sanitary measures enforced in the port.

Yellow fever is epidemic in Valladolid and a few cases are reported in Merida. Smallpox exists in many of the villages of the State in epidemic form.

Respectfully,

S. H. HODGSON,

Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.**Report from Vera Cruz.*

VERA CRUZ, MEXICO, November 17, 1901.

SIR: I have the honor to report the following transactions at this port for the week ended November 16, 1901: Vessels cleared for United States ports, 6; crew inspected, 583; passengers inspected, 169; vaccine certificates, 69; immune certificates, 1. Total, 828.

The Mexican board of health commenced November 14 to disinfect all baggage from Vera Cruz; baggage from Mexico City goes on board passed. The passenger taken off the steamship *Segurañca* November 9, 1901, the moment this vessel sailed for New York and Havana, and that I reported as a case of yellow fever, is yet under treatment. He is a Frenchman. One case of malaria on steamship *Ollargan* while in port.

Respectfully,

FELIX GIRALT,

*Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.,**In Temporary Charge.*

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.